GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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LINKING OF BRAHMAPUTRA WITH NATIONAL RIVERS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to link Brahmaputra with other national rivers, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) National Perspective Plan for transferring waterfrom water surplus basins to water deficit area was prepared in 1980. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was established in 1982 as an autonomous societyto carryout water balance and other studies and prepare feasibility reports. Under Himalayan Component of National Perspective, interlinking of Manas and Ssankosh, both tributaries of Brahamputra, with Tista and Ganga known as Manas-Sankosh-Tista-Ganga link is envisaged.As per pre- feasibility studies carried out by NWDA, Manas-Sankosh −Tista- Ganga link envisages irrigation benefits to the States of Assam, West Bengal and Bihar besides hydro-power benefits and navigation facilities between Manas and Mahananda barrage.